

CERTIFICATION

I, Mara Drogan, City Clerk to the City Council of the City of Troy, located in the County of Rensselaer, State of New York, do hereby certify that the attached is an official document of the Troy City Council, the original of which is on file in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Troy on October 23, 2020.

Mara Drogan City Clerk

City of Troy, New York

(SEAL)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF TROY TO ACCEPT A GRANT OF \$225,000.00 FROM THE LOCAL INITIATIVES SUPPORT CORPORATION FOR THE "ZOMBIE" AND VACANT PROPERTIES REMEDIATION AND PREVENTION INITIATIVE - ROUND 2

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2019-17, the Troy City Council previously supported the City of Troy's grant proposal to the Local Initiative Support Corporation for the "Zombie" and Vacant Properties Remediation and Prevention Initiative - Round 2; and

WHEREAS, the Local Initiative Support Corporation has approved a grant to the City of Troy in the amount of \$225,000.00, for the purpose of funding a Code Enforcement Officer and outside legal consultants to prosecute non-compliant lien-holder owners of "Zombie" properties, as well as for technical assistance and other tracking, training, and outreach initiatives pertaining to "Zombie" properties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Troy is hereby authorized to accept the grant of \$225,000.00 from the Local Initiatives Support Corporation for funding the second round of the "Zombie" and Vacant Properties Remediation and Prevention Initiative.

Approved as to form, Cotobor 23, 2020

Richard T. Morrissey, Corporation Counsel

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Monica Kurzejeski

Deputy Mayor



Steven Strichman

Commissioner of Planning & Economic Development

Department of Planning & Economic Development

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To: City Council From: Steven Strichman Date: October 19, 2020

Re: Accept Zombie Grant - \$225,000

Code Officer/Zombie Enforcer Eric Ferraro and I have been working with the Local Initiatives Support Corp (LISC) on setting up the Zombie 2.0 which was approved but never accepted by the City Council.

The Grant runs from May 2020 through October 2021 and funds the following as outlined in our application last year:

Code Enforcement Officer	\$ 68,333
Legal Consultants for Prosecution	117,490
Building Blocks Software	10,927
Outreach (mailings) to potentially impacted owners	
for counseling by TRIP – (not included)	12,000
Training	5,000
Technical Assistance (LISC)	11,250
Total	\$ 225,000

While the legal expenses look fairly high, to date, we have negotiated or litigated \$278,000 in settlements – not all yet paid, which includes \$80,000 to the land bank as part of an agreement to take 3325 Sixth Avenue from the bank and return it to productive use.

The prosecution process is timely, but we began making steady progress in May of 2019. The process slowed as the courts closed in March due to COVID, but we are starting to make headway again.

Some of these expenditures will require budget modification in the near future.

TROY CITY COUNCIL VOTING RECORD Special Meeting - October 22, 2020

Ordinance No.____

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